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Yosemite valley  
March 24<sup>th</sup> 1870

Dear Bro Daniel

Your welcome letter  
reached me in my solitude  
tonight notwithstanding your  
faithlessness. My address  
is "Yosemite California  
via Big Oak Flat. Care of M  
Hutchings" I have been  
here all winter & will  
probably be here all summer.  
I would receive your letter  
whether you sent it to the depot or  
Snellings or Yosemite. I have  
friends that know me well  
& will forward whenever I go.  
I am heartily glad to know  
that you are so enthusiastic  
in the prosecution of your studies.  
With all my heart I wish you  
full success. Doctor As for me  
I have run wild

Send the image of your  
dear one as you promised

I have got the saw-  
mill running. It went right  
to work like an old saw mill  
the first minute of its existence.  
It belongs to Mr Hutchings.  
I am making lumber for  
him now. Just think of  
working at the bottom of a  
fall 2600 feet in height.  
I am glad you can  
hear the handling of "dead  
folk". May you be an ar-  
rangement & blessing to the  
living. I always count I can  
on my hand, heart & purse  
for what they happen be worth.  
I am sleepy & in haste  
& I will close with a prophecy.  
You & your love will one day  
behold these wonderful rocks  
& waters. Affectionately John Muir